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SUBJ: LAWRENCE K. LUNT, AMERICAN IMPRISONED IN CUBA

REF: ROME 6303

1. LUNT'S ATTORNEY WAINWRIGHT HAS INFORMED US THAT BELGIUM AMBASSADOR IN LISBON MAX WERY SPOKE TO CUBAN CHARGE IN LISBON MAY 6 ON SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF LUNT FOR PERALTA. CUBAN CHARGE APPARENTLY HAD NEVER HEARD OF PLANNED EXCHANGE OF LUNT FOR PERALTA AND BECAME RATHER INCENSED, NOTING THAT PORTUGUESE AMNESTY SHOULD APPLY TO PERALTA AND THAT HE SHOULD THEREFORE BE RELEASED WITH NO CONDITIONS ATTACHED.

2. WE CONSIDER THIS DEVELOPMENT UNFORTUNATE SINCE PRESUMABLY CUBAN CHARGE WILL NOW BE URGING HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO AGREE TO RELEASE OF LUNT IN EXCHANGE FOR PERALTA. WE SUSPECT THAT HE WILL ARGUE NOT ONLY ON BASIS OF AMNESTY BUT IS LIKELY TO CLAIM THAT DOMESTIC LEFTIST PRESSURE IN PORTUGAL CAN BE GENERATED TO SECURE PERALTA'S UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE.
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